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SUBJ: THE NAYES HAVE IT IN THE NORTHEAST

1. SUMMARY. VOTERS IN THE NORTHEAST ARE FOR LAW AND ORDER (78% IN FRIULI AND 81% IN FRIULI AND 62% IN THE VENETO). IN FACT THE CITIES OF TRIESTE, UDINE AND GORIZIA AND 26 SMALLER COMMUNITIES IN FRIULI VOTED TO ABROGATE THE FINANCING LAW. IN THE CITY OF TRIESTE, THE YES VOTE REACHED 58% WHICH HAS TO BE AN OMINOUS ANTI-DC (AND ANTI-OSIMO) STRAW IN THE WIND TO LOCAL DC LEADERS FOR THE UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. OVERALL VOTE IN THE NORTHEAST ON THE TWO REFERENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

	REALE LAW		FINANCING	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
VENETO				
BELLUNO	24	76	45	55
PADOVA	19	81	38	62
ROVIGO	15	85	29	71
TREVISO	19	81	37	63
VENEZIA	22	78	40	60
VERONA	20	80	41	59

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VICENZA	18	82	37	63
FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA				
TRieste PROVINCE	29	71	57	43
TRieste CITY	29	71	58	42
UDINE PROVINCE	24	76	45	55
UDINE CITY	26	74	52	48
PORDENONE PROVINCE	21	79	40	60

PORDENONE CITY	23	77	46	54
GORIZIA PROVINCE	21	79	42	58
GORIZIA CITY	26	74	53	47

3. IN THE VENETO, THE DC WAS ABLE TO TURN OUT STRONG NO VOTES ON BOTH REFERENDA BUT IT WAS NOT THE CASE ON THE FINANCING QUESTION IN THE EQUALLY STRONG DC COUNTRY OF FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA. LOCAL ANIMOSITY TOWARDS THE DC OVER OSIMO AND PERHAPS THE PACE OF EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION SEEMS TO HAVE OVERCOME EXCELLENT LOCAL DC LEADERSHIP AND STRONG ORGANIZATION IN THE CITIES OF TRIESTE, UDINE AND GORIZIA WHERE THE VOTE WAS STRONG AGAINST THE PUBLIC FINANCING OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES.

4. COMMENT: SEEN FROM THE NORTHEAST, THE VOTE SEEMS TO BE FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVAILING MOOD ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY OF VOTERS DESIRE TO STEM VIOLENCE AND LAWLESSNESS. AS FOR THE FINANCING, PUBLIC ATTITUDES ON T AT DELICATE SUBJECT ARE A MATTER OF RECORD W ICH WERE CLEARLY NOT CHANGED BY A RATHER CONFUSING PERFORMANCE BY THE PARTIES IN EXPLAINING THE ISSUE. MOEN.

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